

Kings and Priest

A Kingdom of Kings and Priests

John 18:33-37 NKJV Pilate... called Jesus, and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" **34** Jesus answered him, "Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me? **35** Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?" **36** Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here."**37** Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "**You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause, I was born, and for this cause, I have come into the world**, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

He is a King and He has Cause

What was His cause? TRUTH - The truth about God, the Father. The truth about our purpose. John 14:6 NKJV Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

- He came to conquer the "realm of the lie".

John 8:44 NKJV You have a problem with me because "You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and *does not* stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it."

Every lost person is living under to power of the Liar.
They are captive in the realm of the Life.
This is why they have become slaves to sin's desires.

John 8:32 NKJV And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

- The Cause:
 - Know God
 - Find Freedom
 - Discover Purpose

Jesus was born for a Cause - We were born with a cause also. His cause has become our cause.
1 John 4:17 says "... as He is, so are we in this world."

Revelation 1:5,6 "... from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, **6** and **has made us kings and priests** to His God and Father..."

- KINGS And PRIESTS

Because of Cause and there is a Kingdom Calling

2 Tim. 1:9 "... saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began."

There is an ANOINTING for Kingdom Kings and Kingdom Priest.

- In 2 Corinthians 1:21 He who establishes us... in Christ and *also* has anointed us is God (ital. mine) he is implying that God has made us kings and priests.
- Kings and priests were anointed oil. This signified that the Spirit of God would empower them for their Kingly and Priestly work.
- In fact, the King was often called the “anointed of Jehovah”.

Two practical applications for these callings:

1) Our Personal Life

2) Our Church Life

1 Peter 2:9,10 NKJV “But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people.... **10** who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God...”

In the Church

1) **The Priestly Calling Leads the Kingdom with Vision.**

The priestly calling is on those who lead the congregation into the presence of God. They represent and reveal the heavenly purposes God to His people on the earth.

- a) The Cause:
 - i) Know God
 - ii) Find Freedom
 - iii) Discover Purpose
- b) Prov. 29:18 KJV For where there is no vision the people perish.

2) **The Kingly Calling Accelerates the Vision with Provision.**

The kingly calling is on those who triumph on the earth and provide earthly resources for the kingdom cause.

- a) When God moves he always uses people
- b) Example: 3 Kings brought provision for the baby.

Christmas Story illustrates what I am talking about
- c) A true King is one who lives for the Cause and creates resources for the Kingdom.
 - i) Money and Skills
 - ii) Without Kings there is lots of Vision, but very little Provision.
- d) There will always be more Kings than Priest in the church.

- i) 12 tribes --- the priest came only from the tribe of Levi.
- ii) Eph. 4:11,12 “And He Himself gave some (few) *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, **12** for the equipping of the (many) saints for the work of ministry...”

e) Value your Kingly Calling

- i) It is a Holy Calling.

2 Tim. 1:9 “... saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.”

- ii) It is a High Calling.

Phil 3:14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

- iii) It is a Kingdom Cause: Conquering the Realm of the Lie

Know God

Find Freedom

Discover Purpose